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### EDUCATION

## WRA CONSULTANT TO ARRIVE TODAY

Richard Johnson, W. R. A. vocational education consultant at the Washington WRA office, is to arrive on the project today, announced W. C. "Tom" Sawyer, supt. of education.

The vocational education department will receive a thorough check-up during Johnson's stay, which is until the end of this week.

He has arrived on the project at a very appropriate time as Ralph T. Othmer, director of vocational education, who arrived on the project July 1, has completed a survey of the vocational education situation and is now ready to assist Johnson reorganize the set-up said Sawyer.

While here, Johnson will not only confer with the project officials but also with the state vocational education people in an attempt to reinstitute the federal aid vocational education which was cut off summarily last November.

## SPECIAL COACH AVAILABLE AUG. 3

A special coach will be available for Gila relocators on August 3, 1944, according to the traffic manager of the Southern Pacific Railroad in Phoenix. It had been feared that heavy military demands on railroad facilities might necessitate the cancellation of the August 3 coach.

## BUTTE PTA

The Butte Elementary School PTA will hold a general meeting 7:30 Thursday night, July 27, at the 41 mess hall. The program includes entertainment, refreshments, and exhibits of crafts.

## DRAFT VIOLATION CHARGE DISMISSED AT TULE LAKE

Dismissal of 2 Japanese Americans of the Tule Lake segregation center, indicted on charges of violations of the Selective Service Act, was made July 22 by U.S. District Judge Louis E. Goodman, who ruled that an internee was not accorded due process of law, the Associated Press reported.

Goodman ruled in one case that the internee was

in custody under a Presidential citation and "is under the circumstances not a free agent nor is any plea he may make free or voluntary, and hence he is not accorded due process in the very proceeding."

Goodman's decision said "It is shocking to the conscience that an American citizen be confined on the ground of disloyalty and then, while under duress and restraint, be compelled to serve in the armed forces or prosecuted for not yielding to such compulsion."

"The issue raised by this action is without precedent," the decision pointed out. "It must be resolved in the light of the traditional and historic Anglo-American approach to the time-honored doctrine of due process. It must not give way to over zealousness in any attempt to reach via the criminal process those whom we may regard as undesirable citizens."

## NISEI FROM CANAL GETS ARMY AWARD

Pvt. Takashi Wada, formerly of Sanger, California, was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received on the Italian battlefield on July 8, according to the telegram sent to Mrs. Rai Wada of 4-8-C on July 20.

Wada entered the armed forces in February, 1942.

## Gilans Injured In Collision

Sunday evening, on the way back to the center after a shopping trip to Mesa, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Couch and John McKague were badly injured when a car swerved out of a forked road and smashed into the right rear half of their car. Patti Couch and Kate McKague who were also in the car at the time escaped injury. The car was driven by McKague.

Mrs. Couch suffered a broken pelvis and a deep gash on her right arm; McKague bruised his shoulder and injured his knee; and Couch wrenched his back. Couch, the least seriously injured in the group, was brought to the project hospital yesterday. The others are being treated at the hospital in Mesa.

Couch is the cost accountant here and McKague is the fiscal officer.

## NISEI FROM MESA DIES IN TRAINING

Word was received from the War Department by Mr. and Mrs. Mimeso Ikeda of Mesa of the death of their son, Pvt. Katsumi Ikeda, 23, who has been in the army only two months. He was attached with the 442nd Infantry at Camp Shelby, Miss.

The message stated the death was the "result of a gunshot wound received during training."

He is survived by his parents, five brothers, and two sisters. The oldest brother, Tom, is remembered here for testing the constitutionality of the anti-Japanese Arizona law, which practically prohibited all trade with Japanese.